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WITH DUAS FOR PROTECTION

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ALLAH - BEGINNING WITH THE
NAME OF - THE MOST GRACIOUS,
THE MOST MERCIFUL

WORLD IS SUFFERING

We all know that the world is going through tough times amidst the outbreak of Novel Coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2 which causes the Corona Virus Disease 2019 that is COVID-19

In this short booklet we will consider, what in Islam we need to know in such situations of outbreak, how as a Muslim should we react.

ISLAM AND CORONAVIRUS

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a disease which has spread nowadays in the same way the disease of leprosy & plague would spread in the past. Nevertheless, in accordance to the Hadiths, diseases & illnesses do not transfer i.e. an ill person cannot transfer over an illness to another ill person, and this idea has been negated, in the sense that the Noble Prophet ﷺ has stated with regards to this,

“لَا عَدْوَى”
“No disease/illness is transferable.”

[Sahīh al-Bukhari, Hadith 5707]

However, it is possible for the germs from the Coronavirus to spread to another person via intervention and then cause that person to become infected with the Coronavirus, and this notion does not contradict Hadith. This is because the word mentioned in Hadith - آلْعَدْوَى - means an illness transferring to another person in full i.e. the entire illness or disease of a person transferring over to another; this is totally incorrect and this has been negated in Hadith.

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MAY PEACE AND BLESSINGS OF ALLAH
BE UPON PROPHET MUHAMMAD AND
HIS FAMILY AND COMPANIONS.

Allah says in Surah Najm, about Prophet Muhammad ﷺ

وَمَا يَنْطِقُ عَنْ أَهْوَاءِ
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إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَى
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'And he does not say anything by his own desire.
It is but a divine revelation, which is revealed to him.'

and in Surah Nisa,

مَنْ يُطِعِ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ
صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

'Whoever obeys the Noble Messenger has indeed obeyed Allah'

HOW AS MUSLIMS SHOULD WE BELIEVE ITS SPREAD?

We as Muslims have full faith in words of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ,
as he told that no disease is contagious and an ill person cannot
transfer over an illness to another ill person but however, it can be
that the germs of this disease reach another person via the air or by
some other means – with the Divine will of the Almighty Creator –
and inflict that person with this very illness. This happening does not
mean the illness has transferred over; rather, it has caused a new
case of this illness due to these germs & bacteria. Therefore, the
Hadith is also correct, the understanding of modern medical science
& research as to germs being the cause of spreading illness is also
sound to some extent, and to act upon the precautionary measures
which medical doctors have advised is also correct as well.

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O ALLAH MAKE US FIRM UPON YOUR
RELIGION BY THE PATH SHOWN BY
SAYYIDUNA MUHAMMAD ﷺ

EXPLANATION OF HADITHS OF NO CONTAGIOUS DISEASE AND ISOLATING SICK FROM HEALTHY

Imam Nawawi رحمة الله عليه said:

"Hadrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه has narrated a Hadith in which it was reported [from Nabi ﷺ] that there is no contagious disease.

Then he used to also narrate a Hadith along with it that prohibits a sick person to go near a healthy person.

Majority of scholars have attested that both Ahaadith are Sahih and it is Waajib [compulsory] to unite both narrations.

The way to unite them is to understand that the words 'there is no contagious disease' - is denying the belief of the era of ignorance in which people thought that diseases spread on its own, without the Command of Allah Ta'ala.

And the Hadith that states 'do not let a sick person go near a healthy person' - it means that it is the Way of Allah Ta'ala that He causes sickness in a healthy person after the person has come into contact with the a sick person.

Hence, the first Hadith denies the disease itself having the power to be contagious and the second Hadith is a guideline to avoid a circumstance by which Allah Ta'ala causes a sickness to spread. This correlation [tatbiq] between the two narrations is correct and this is the opted view of the major congregation of Muhadditheen and Ulama."

[Sharah Muslim, Hadith 2221, Kitaab As Salaam]

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O ALLAH, I ASK YOU FOR FORGIVENESS
AND WELL-BEING IN THIS WORLD AND
IN THE HEREAFTER

DUAS FOR PROTECTION

When Ayyub عَلَيْهِ الْسَّلَامُ was tested with regard to his body, he recited following dua and Allah cured him, as in Quran 21:83

٨٣ أَفِي مَسَنِيَ الْضُّرُّ وَأَنْتَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّحِيمِينَ

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said

"A person will not be harmed by anything if he says every morning and evening 33 times"

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الَّذِي
لَا يَضُرُّ مَعَ اسْمِهِ شَيْءٌ
فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ
وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ

[Abu Dawood and Imam Tirmidhi in his Sunan]

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O ALLAH, HEAL THE
SUFFERING UMMAH

WHAT TO PRAY IF SEEING SOMEONE SUFFERING?

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said

"Whoever unexpectedly comes across a person suffering a calamity, and says :

الْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ الَّذِي عَافَنِي مِمَّا أُبْتَلَكَ بِهِ وَفَضَّلَنِي
عَلٰى كَثِيرٍ مِّمَّنْ خَلَقَ تَفْضِيلًا

Al-hamdu Lillahil-ladhi 'afani mim-mabtalaka bihi, wa faddalani 'ala kathirin mimman khalaqa tafdila

(*Praise is to Allah Who has kept me safe from that which has afflicted you and preferred me over many of those whom He has created),*

will be kept safe from that calamity, no matter what it is."

[Sunan Ibn Majah 3892]

Also regarding outbreak of plague, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said

'If you hear about it (an outbreak of plague) in a land, do not go to it; but if plague breaks out in a country where you are staying, do not run away from it.'

[Sahih al-Bukhari 5729]

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I SEEK REFUGE IN ALLAH
FROM ALL EVIL DISEASES

WHAT TO DO ?

- consume black seed (kalonji) for it cures all sickness except death
- stay at home as per advised by your government
- wash your hands with soap & water often do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get back home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve with flexed elbow (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

WHAT NOT TO DO ?

- don't panic, everything is decreed in divine will of Allah
- don't touch your face, mouth, eyes, nose often
- don't spread any sort of rumors

WHAT NOT TO BELIEVE ?

 Cold weather and snow CANNOT kill the CoronaVirus .	 Hand dryers are NOT effective in killing the CoronaVirus.
 There is NO evidence that regularly rinsing the nose with saline has protected people from infection with the CoronaVirus.	 The CoronaVirus CAN be transmitted in areas with hot and humid climates.
 Ultraviolet light SHOULD NOT be used for sterilization and can cause skin irritation.	 Garlic is healthy but there is NO evidence from the current outbreak that eating garlic has protected people from the CoronaVirus.
 The CoronaVirus CANNOT be transmitted through mosquito bites.	 Thermal scanners CAN detect if people have a fever but CANNOT detect whether or not someone has the CoronaVirus.
 Antibiotics DO NOT work against viruses, antibiotics only work against bacteria.	 Spraying alcohol or chlorine all over your body WILL NOT kill viruses that have already entered your body.
 To date, there is NO specific medicine recommended to prevent or treat the CoronaVirus.	 Taking a hot bath DOES NOT prevent the CoronaVirus.
 Vaccines against pneumonia, such as pneumococcal vaccine and Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) vaccine, DO NOT provide protection against the CoronaVirus.	

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O ALLAH GUIDE US TO THE
STRAIGHT PATH

WHAT CHANGE SHOULD THE UMMAH BRING?

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said

"Immorality never appears among a people to such an extent that they commit it openly, but plagues and diseases that were never known among the predecessors will spread among them.'

[from Sunan Ibn Majah 4019]

This is what our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ advised to the Muhajirun (Emigrants) and he ﷺ seeked refugee in Allah that they (the muhajirun) live to see it!

My dear brothers and sisters, the end times are near, it is the time we should turn towards our Lord, the signs of the last day are apparent, seek forgiveness before the doors of forgiveness are closed, the current situation is a very little manifestation of Allah, it is especially for those who are astray.
Start practicing your Fard, Wajib and Sunnah acts!

Send abundant Durud on Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

he ﷺ also said:

"Allah does not send down any disease, but He also sends down the cure for it."

So recite given below:

**اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْبَرَصِ، وَالْجُنُونِ،
وَالْجُذَامِ، وَمِنْ سَيِّئِ الْأَسْقَامِ**

"O Allah, I seek refuge in Thee from leprosy, madness, elephantiasis, and evil diseases."

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O ALLAH PROTECT OUR FAMILIES FROM EVIL

SHOULD THE MOSQUES BE CLOSED DUE TO THE OUTBREAK OF CORONAVIRUS [COVID-19]?

In such circumstances, mosques should not be closed until the time the government has made it law for them to be closed. At the moment, mosques should keep the daily and Jum'ah salah established in a congregational format alongside precautionary measures [bringing your own prayer mats, performing wudhu at home, praying sunnah and optional prayers at home, not hugging and shaking hands, etc]. If the government makes it law that mosques as well as any institutes be closed, then instead of Jum'ah, one should pray Dhuhr [at home], and keep the congregation limited to only the staff [at the mosque], so that some form of the remembrance of Allah Almighty remains continued in the mosques. Everything should not be totally shut down, leaving the mosques deserted; for all one knows, we could be included amongst the unjust.

Jum'ah cannot be established at home; rather, Dhuhr salah should be prayed in place of this in a congregational format alongside praying the Adhan & Iqamah, on the basis that there are two individuals or more. One should not pray Jum'ah with only a few limited amount of staff members by closing the mosques for the general public, as the condition of general permission for entering is not found; rather, one should in fact pray Dhuhr in a congregational format in place of Jum'ah.

[excerpt taken from answer by Mufti Qasim Zia al-Qadri on seekerspath.co.uk, please read detailed answer on website]

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O ALLAH DON'T LET US GO
ASTRAY FROM YOUR OBEDIENCE

CAN WE USE HAND SANITISERS THAT CONTAIN ALCOHOL TO PROTECT US AGAINST CORONAVIRUS ?

The usage of hand sanitisers & hand wash is permissible because they contain ethanol i.e. such alcohol which is not made from grape; rather, it is made from wheat and other products similar to this. Also, a minute amount of such alcohols which are not an intoxicant are pure & Halal [lawful] according to Imam A'zham Abu Hanifah & Imam Abu Yusuf. Therefore, it is permissible according to the Shaykhayn [i.e. the two aforementioned Imams] to use those products which contain such a small amount (which does not reach the level of intoxication). However, it is impermissible according to Imam Muhammad because according to him, any type of alcohol – be it a small amount or large amount – is impure & Haram [unlawful]. The legal verdict is issued according to this stance, however, if 'Umum Balwa (Common difficulty – an unfavourable widespread situation affecting most people which is difficult to avoid) comes about in the usage of these products – in the sense that every person becomes involved in this and it affects everybody – so then it is correct to issue the legal verdict according to the stance of the Shaykhayn and act upon their stance.

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O ALLAH HAVE MERCY
UPON THE UMMAH

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